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SUBJECT: TEMS OF REFERENCE FOR TRI-SERVICE GROUP (TSG) ON COMMUNICAT-  
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SUMMARY: ASYG(DEFENSE SUPPORT) LABERGE HAS ISSUED TO THE  
NADREPS A DRAFT STATUS REPORT ON SUBJECT ABOVE WHICH HE  
INTENDS TO SUBMIT TO THE CNAD AT ITS NEXT MEETING. THE REPORT  
CONTAINS A SUMMARY OF CURRENT ISSUES AND HIS RECOMMENDED  
CHANGES TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR). WE RECOMMEND US  
SUPPORT THE TOR WITH HIS CHANGES. REQUEST WASHINGTON  
GUIDANCE.  
END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING THE 4 APRIL NADREP MEETING DISCUSSIONS ON  
SUBJECT TOR (REF A), LABERGE HAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE NADREPS  
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UNDER NOTE DS/ASG(77)159 A DRAFT OF HIS STATUS REPORT TO  
THE CNAD ON THE TSG ON COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS EQUIP-  
MENT (AC/259-D/567). THE REPORT, WHICH THE NADREPS WILL  
DISCUSS AT THEIR APRIL 18 MEETING, REVIEWS THE PROGRESS  
MADE TO DATE, EXPLAINS THE POINTS AT ISSUE BETWEEN THE UK  
AND THE MAJORITY OF THE NADREPS, SUGGESTS CHANES TO THE  
TOR TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE, AND INCLUDES THE LATEST VERSION  
OF THE TOR (WHICH INCLUDES SOME BRACKETED LANGUAGE).

2. ALTHOUGH WE DISAGREE WITH LABERGE'S VIEW (STATED IN

HIS PAPER) THAT THE UK'S LATEST PROPOSAL REPRESENTS A SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSION TO THE VIEWS OF OTHER NATION, WE BELIEVE THE CHANGES TO THE TOR THAT HE HAS RECOMMENDED CAN AND SHOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE US, PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE ACCEPTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY THE UK.

3. IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT WASHINGTON IS AWARE OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE TOR, WE SUMMARIZE BELOW ALL CHANGES TO THE VERSION OF THE TOR WHICH WASHINGTON HOLDS(REF B).

A. CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY ALL THE NATIONS:

(1) PARA 3(A). CHANGE TO READ: "...SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE ARMED FORCES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OPERATIONAL OR OTHER APPROPRIATE EXPERTS,"

(2) PARA 9(A). CHANGE TO READ: "... TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THE OPERATIONAL NEEDS OF THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES FOR THE INTEROPERABILITY OR STANDARDIZATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND OF ALL RELEVANT POLICY DOCUMENTS, STANDARDIZATION AGREEMENTS (STANAGS) AND ALLIED PUBLICATIONS PROMULGATED BY THOSE AUTHORITIES, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR DRAFTING, PREPARATION AND REVIEW;"

(3) PARA 9(E). CHANGE TO READ: "... CONSIDER PROPOSALS FROM NATO NATIONS AND THE NATO MILITARY CONFIDENTIAL

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AUTHORITIES FOR COOPERATIVE ACTION OR STANDARDIZATION IN AREAS IN WHICH OPERATIONAL NEEDS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BUT NO NATIONAL PLANS OR PROGRAMMES HAVE YET BEEN FORMULATED TO MEET THEM;"

B. CHANGES THAT WERE PROPOSED BY THE UK AND NOT AGREED TO REPEAT NOT AGREED TO BY THE OTHER NATIONS:

(1) ADD TO THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 2: "IT WILL NOT PROCESS MATTERS WHICH CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY BE HANDLED IN EXISTING BODIES, E.G., THE SINGLE-SERVICE MAIN ARMAMENTS GROUPS."

(2) INSERT A NEW PARAGRAPH BETWEEN PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 7 TO READ: "THE OTHER MAIN GROUPS OF THE CNAD MAY REQUEST THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP TO UNDERTAKE TASKS ON THEIR BEHALF. IN THESE CASES, THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP MAY AUTHORIZE THE SUB-GROUPS CONCERNED TO REPORT ON THE PROGRESS AND COMPLETION OF SUCH TASKS DIRECT TO THE REQUESTING GROUP IN ADDITION TO ITSELF. THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP WILL, IN ANY CASE, KEEP THE OTHER MAIN GROUPS INFORMED OF ITS ACTIVITIES AND THOSE OF ITS SUB-GROUPS."

C. CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY LABERGE:

(1) INCORPORATE THE PARAGRAPH PROPOSED BY THE IS FOR INSERTION BETWEEN PARAS 6 AND 7. (SAME AS THE PARA QUOTED IN 3B(2) ABOVE.)

(2) RATHER THAN ACCEPT THE LAST SENTENCE FOR

PARA 2 PROPOSED BY THE UK, INSERT AS THE LAST SENTENCE  
OF PARA 2: "IT WILL NOT DEAL WITH MATTERS WHICH, AFTER  
DUE CONSIDERATION BY ITS MEEMBERS IN CONSULTATION WITH  
THE OTHER NATO BODIES CONCNERED, CAN OBVIOUSLY BE MORE  
EFFECTIVELY HANDLED BY THOSE BODIES."

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4. LABERGE DESIRES TO SEE THE TSG COMMENCE ITS WORK AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND HAS TABLED HIS PROPOSED CHANGES TO  
EFFECT A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE UK AND THE US. THE OTHER  
NADREPS HAVE NOT YET SEEN, DISCUSSED, OR ACCEPTED HIS  
PROPOSED CHANGES. THE UK NADREP HAS INFORMALLY AGREED  
TO THE LABERGE SUGGESTIONS.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT WITH THE CHANGES ALREADY AGREED  
(PARA 3A ABOVE), AND THOSE PROPOSED BY LABERGE (PARA  
3C ABOVE), MOST US OBJECTIVES ARE MET. PANEL VIII IS  
EFFECTIVELY TRANSFERRED TO THE TSG, LEAVING ONLY THE  
QUESTION OF WHO WILL ADDRESS SINGLE SERVICE ISSUES.  
THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE IN ESSENCE ALLOWS THE TSG TO DEAL  
WITH THIS QUESTION EACH TIME SUCH AN ISSUE ARISES. UNDER  
NATO RULES, SHOULD THE TSG BY UNABLE TO RESOLVE SUCH AN  
ISSUE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, IT CAN ELEVATE THE PROBLEM TO  
THE CNAD FOR RESOLUTION. CONSEQUENTLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT  
THE US ACCEPT THE TOR INCORPORATING THE REVISIONS  
DESCRIBED IN PARA 3A AND 3C ABOVE, PROVIDED THAT THE  
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UK ACCEPTS THESE CHANGES IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE PRIOR TO

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